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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME
2002/165601 A1	11/7/2002	Clerc
5 584 875	12/17/1996	Duhamel et al.
5 741 257	4/21/1998	Kirsch
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GB 2 280 372	2/1/1995	Great Britain
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EP 0 194 192 B1	9/10/1986	EPO
WO 01/32229	5/10/2001	WIPO
EP 0 943 298 A2	9/22/1999	EPO
WO 93/17635	9/16/1995	WIPO
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A1	HEINO A ET AL: "Application of a self-reinforced polyglycolic acid (SR-PGA) membrane to the closure of an abdominal fascial defect in rats." Journal of Biomedical Materials Research. 1999, vol. 48, no. 5, pages 596-601.
A2	International Search Report for International Application No. PCT/JP2003/015641 dated 6/14/2004.

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Reference EP 0 194 192 B1 patents an absorbable composite surgical material comprising a reinforcement essentially constituted of resorbable synthetic threads, and a sheet of reconstituted collagen, the said sheet being laminated with a least one face of the said reinforcement for the purpose of filling in a leakproof manner the interstices between the said resorbable synthetic threads.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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	A12	WO 95/25482	9/28/1995	WIPO	Yes
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